GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2185
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2001
SHARING OF RAVI BEAS WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has requested the Union Government to convene a meeting of Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan to resolve water sharing dispute of Ravi Beas river;

(b) if so, whether the Government are aware that Rajasthan was allocated 8.6 MAF of water from surplus flood water of Ravi Beas rivers by an inter-state agreement in December, 1991;

(c) if so, whether the Government have directed to the Bhakra Beas Management Board to provide 8.6 MAF (i.e. 52.7%) of water to Rajasthan as per agreement; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Rajasthan, while referring to certain matter pertaining to the inter-state sharing of waters between Rajasthan and Punjab, has suggested to the Union Government for discussions on inter-state water issues among all the States involved.

(b) to (d) Rajasthan has been allocated 8.6 MAF of surplus Raviand Beas waters in an agreement signed by the Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan on the 31st December, 1981. The releases to the party States are decided in the monthly meetings of the Technical Committee of the Bhakra Beas Management Board, in which all the three States are represented,keeping in view the indents for water from the States and water availability in the dams, in accordance with an ad hoc interim arrangement based on the agreement of December, 1981.